The National Sports Policy, formulated in 1984, sought to fülfil the objectives of broad-basing of sports and achieving excellence. The Policy is proposed to be revised keeping in view; inter-alia, the various emerging trends and requiremetns.

(c) No, Sir.

Protection of Environment and Forests in North-East

423. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances and basic data base on which the Supreme Court directed banning of marketing of forest produce from the North East;

(b) the action taken and proposed to be taken in line with the aforesaid directive, including those for utilisation of non-timber forest resources, eco-protection and massive afforestation; and

(c) the schemes implemented during the Eighth Five year Plan and proposed to be taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan towards protection and development of forests and environment in the NE region including conservation of bio-diversity, wild life and improvement of wild life sancturaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Hon'ble Supreme Court has not banned the marketing of forest produce from the North-Eastern States.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The information about the scheme implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan and proposed to be taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan for protection and development of forests and environment in North-East Region including conservation of bio-diversity, wildlife and improvement of wildlife sancturaries is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented during the 8th Plan and proposed to be taken up during the 9th Plan towards protection and development of forests and environment in the North-East Region.

1. Area oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project Scheme.
2. Integrated Afforestation & Eco-Development Project.
3. Non-timber Forest Produce Scheme.
4. Grant-in-aid to voluntary agencies.
5. Seed development schemes.

6. Afforestation under 20-Point Programme.
7. *Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural poor in afforestation of degraded forest lands.
8. Project Tiger Scheme.
9. Eco-Development scheme.
10. Beneficiary oriented scheme for Tribal Development.
11. Project Elephant.
12. Abatement of Pollution.
13. Adoption of Clean Technologies in Small Scale Industries.
14. Environment Statistics and Mapping.
15. Industrial Pollution Control.
16. Pollution Monitoring and Review.
17. Environment Impact Assessment.
18. Conservation and Survey
19. Biosphere Reserve Management Programme.
20. Research and Development.
21. Scheme on Environmental Information Dissemination named Paryavaran Vahini
22. Eco Clubs.
23. National River Conservation Programme.
24. Conservation and Management of Wetlands.
25. Assistance to Botanical Garden.

World Bank loan for forest projects

424. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seeking a loan of Rs. 700 crores from the World Bank for forest projects as reported in Indian Express dated 30th October, 1999;

(b) if so, why the country needs foreign aid for its forests;

(c) whether Government are able to judge the kind of forests the country needs and how to grow them; and

(d) if so, what is the logic of letting our forests being cut down and seeking foreign aid to grow new trees?

* The Scheme is Implemented during the Ninth Five Year Plan in North-East.